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Senate Bill \_\_\_\_\_  
By \_\_\_\_\_

House Bill No.HB0302  
By West, Jr.

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 12, Chapter 3, Part 10, relative to purchases by certain local governments with a population greater than one hundred fifty thousand (150,000).

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 12, Chapter 3, Part 10, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) As used in this section, the words "municipality", "county", and "metropolitan government" apply only to municipalities, counties, and metropolitan governments with a population greater than one hundred fifty thousand (150,000) according to the latest federal census.

(b) In any municipality, county, or metropolitan government, notwithstanding any charter provision, private act, or other provision of law, a purchase, lease, or lease-purchase must be preceded by competitive bidding or competitive proposals only if the purchase, lease, or lease-purchase exceeds ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

(c) When the charter of a metropolitan government requires that purchases be made on the basis of competitive bidding, notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, "competitive bidding" for the metropolitan government means:

Dollar amount of purchase	Requirement
\$1,000.00 to \$3,999.99	Three verbal (including phone) quotations when possible.
\$4,000.00 to \$9,999.99	Three written (including fax) quotations when possible.
\$10,000.00 and above	Competitive sealed bids or proposals for non-emergency and non-proprietary product purchases.

(d) Any municipality, county, or metropolitan government may retain present competitive bidding requirements and retains the right to establish, in accordance with charter amendment or private act, whichever is applicable, different dollar amount thresholds and different requirements for competitive bids and competitive proposals from those established in this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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